I claim:

- 1. A method to preselect the sex of mammalian offspring / comprising:
 - a) collecting sperm from a male mammal;
- b) staining said sperm with a fluorescent dye capable of selectively staining DNA in living cells;
- c) diluting said sperm with a viability-supporting sheath fluid;
- d) passing said sheath fluid containing said sperm through detecting means for said stained DNA and a cell sorting means;
- e) selecting by said cell sorting means said sperm which will produce the desired gender of offspring;
- f) collecting said selected sperm in a viability-supporting collecting fluid;
- g) inseminating a female mammal of the same species as said male mammal with said sorted speam in said collecting fluid.
 - 2. The method of Claim X wherein said mammal is a rabbit.
 - 3. The method of Claim \ \frac{7}{1} \ \text{wherein said mammal is a swine.}
- 4. The method of Claim 1 wherein said dye is bisbenzimide
 H 33342 fluorochrome.
- 5. The method of Claim 1 wherein said sheath fluid is phosphate buffered saline solution containing 0.1% bovine serum albumin.
- 6. The method of Claim 1 wherein said collecting fluid is modified test egg yolk extender.

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